

Remarks

The Applicants believe that this amendment places the subject application in better condition for allowance and in so doing introduces no new issues. Therefore, entry of this Amendment, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-14, 16-20, 23, 26, 27 were previously presented in the subject application. By the foregoing amendment, claims 4-7, 11, 14, 17, 19 and 27 have been amended. Claims 23 and 26 have been canceled. Claims 4-14, 16-20 and 27 remain in this case.

Initially, applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability given claims 6, 11-14, 17 and 18, if rewritten in independent form. In response, submitted herewith is the requested rewrite of claims 6, 11, 14 and 17. The remaining claims depend therefrom. All of the pending claims are now believed to be in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner believes there are any remaining issues, Applicant's undersigned representative respectfully requests a telephone call to discuss the case.

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